

Sixth Army Group, France—
Warehouses to badly gutted by
the retreating Germans that they
had been declared impossible to
repair are now still in use in Italy
a tribute to the skill and hard
work of a company of Negro engineers now serving in France
with the Continents Advanca
Section, supply organization of
the Sixth Army Group and the
Seventh Army.

When this group of engineers
houses, they applied "GI-ngenuity" to their work. The warehouses, they applied "GI-ngenuity" to their work. The warehouses were quickly repaired and
made usable and many of the supplies that backed the invasion of
Southern France were stored in
them before elfipment.

The organization has been over
seas two years and its members
have earned three battle stars for
participation in as many campaigns. But it is prondest of its
achievement in Naples, when, after a German air raid, the men
of the company worked 48 hours
to recus two soldiers and a civilian trapped under 24 tons of
debrie.

Among the soldlers in this com
pany are Private Manuel Harrison Evans, son of Harrison Evans,
and Corporal Nathan A. Walker,
son of Mrs. Susie L. Walker, of
Marlinton, West Virginia.



Reactor Mill To Close

Webster Springs.—The Pardee & Curtain Lumber Company has announced the closing of their big band saw mill at Bergoo. The mill will be dismantled and sold through second hand dealers or as junk. The balance of the company's timber holdings, consisting largely of isolated tracts, will be manufactured on portable mills.

At one time this company employed as high as \$50 men. Of late months mill and woods forces consisted of about 150 men.

The Pardee and Curtain Lumber Company is one of the oldest lumber firms in West Virginia. Seventy-five years ago they began operation in Taylor County. Later they operated in Braxton and Nicholas Counties. The operation at Bergoo began nearly twenty years ago, the mill being moved from Curtia, in Nicholas. In the thirty years operation at Sutton, about a billion feet of lumber was manufactured. Much of this timber was floated down Elk River during high water stages.



TINGINIA, February 22,

DEATES

The subject of this sketch, Black Wallace, as he was familiarly known by his friends and associates, was born on a farm in the 23, Valley of Virginia, near the town of Fairfield, Rockbridge County, Virginia, September 29, 1879, and passed away at his home in Marlinton, February 5, 1945. He was the son of the late John William Wallace and Virginia Tysinger Wallace.

He His funeral was conducted at his residence in Marlinton on the afternoon of February 8, 1945, by the Reverend J. C. Wool, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. His interment was in his family plot in the Mountain View Cemetery. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. He was twice married. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Eleanor Bennick of New Market, Virginia who died about ten years ago. On November 27, 1943, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hill of Marlinton, who survives him. He is also survived by one brother, W. E. Wallace, of Akron, Ohio. Another brother. John L. Wallace, of Jackson-keitle. Florida, preceded him in other thabout fiften years ago.

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He was educated in the schools er of his native county and grew to manhood on his father's farm. A He always seemed interested in Prugs and medicine, for at an early age his first venture in bis mess for himself after leaving his incestral houself after leaving his meestral home was a traveling salesman in West Virginia; repsalesman in West Virginia; representing the well known drag irm of Loewy Brothers of Baltinore, Maryland. He continued in this for about four years. In June 1903 he came to his adopted the own of Marlinton and with Dr. E. C. Curry and S. L. Carter as in its partners purchased the old and well established retail drug store of Harry R. Echols. The business was conducted in the partners was successful, from the beginning and in the course of time he purhased the interest of his assoaged the interest of his asso-des and conducted the store as until 1900 when he sold the fail business to the Mayor well

stores and organized the wholeale business of selling drugs and ccessbries and incorporated it unler the name of S. B. Wallace & he lompany. By his untiring entergy, industry and with his other officers and working force, he has built up a wholesale business which would be a credit to a much of

which would be a credit to a much more populous and important city. From the time S. B. Wallace located in Marlinton, he adapted himself to the manners, customs and people of the County and was one of them. He endeavored to do everything to make his county a better and happier place to live. He was interested in the industries inside his county, the inference of rouds and transpotation facilities and betterment of rural farm conditions. He was always interested in the young people of the town and county and soon after he established him self he organized a baseball team and and through his example; are training and clean living, developed a very successful team. Many of the young men who played on the teams have become leading month occupation.

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He will probably be remember and best for connection with the Pocahontas County Fair which was organized in 1919, when be became the first and only President and general manager and for 25 years had been the life and inspirational force that kept it going. In the conception of Mr. Waliace and which he endeavored to impress on the directors that it should be a county fair for the county people. Different from typical county or State fairs, a exhibition of objects of art, products of the farm and garden, live stock and poultry, thus fostering a friendly competition among loa friendly competition among lo-cal people for the improvement of the livestock industry, agricul-ture and the arts.

He was enthusiastic, and could inspire confidence in others, in anything which he would undertake, and did with all his zeal and might, whatever his mind and hand found to do, until it was finally accomplished. He was a very lovable man and loved his home, his friends, his business and will be greatly missed by a large number of friends in this and adjoin-

leading and prominent citizen Pocabontas County.



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